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New Babyland Center In Harmony House Enables Parents To Concentrate On Future

Although the windchill factor turned the day outside into the coldest of the winter, a feeling of warmth greeted those who entered the new Babyland day care center at NC Harmony House where homeless families find transitional housing. Sun was streaming through a huge wall of windows and soft pastel colors softened the walls themselves.

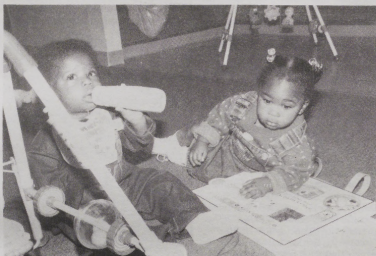
The children also seemed to be responding to their warm environment. A group sat coloring happily but seriously around a long toddler-sized table, and nearby an infant nestled in the arms of Alice Wilson, assistant supervisor of the new Babyland. A plane carrying Donald Duck zoomed across the carpeted floor and right through the tunnel created by the chairs of a table closely, much to the delight of the four-year pilot.

For many, it was their first time playing among other children and older siblings were noticeably protective of their younger brothers and sisters as they played.

Shortly after, the door opened and a young mother came to see if her infant was ready to be nursed. She had been in her classes upstairs.

Even the caregiver, who had been with Babyland for years, remarked on the contentment of the new center, which had its official opening on February 1st. This long anticipated event was welcome news to the residents of Harmony House, since Babyland V provides day care services for pre-school children while their mothers attend classes and programs to better their lives.

The sparkling new day care facility boasts an infant room which can accommodate sixteen babies. Opening day saw seven of the unique Babyland cribs occupied. The new arrivals had little trouble adjusting to the pleasant room and new surroundings.



Children at newest Babyland get acquainted while enjoying new activities.

Adjacent to the infant room is a large L-shaped area furnished in scale for toddlers and pre-schoolers. Children entering here are immediately drawn to play with the miniature kitchen sets or with the assorted toys sitting invitingly on the shelves. The outside play area is a very popular spot when weather permits a daily visit.

A number of the families at Harmony House had their children in day care before, but since they have been displaced by catastrophes such as fire, or eviction because of a landlord neglecting back taxes (see February, 1990 Clarion, page 7) and are now among the ranks of the homeless, life is now changed.

For some, day care previously meant dragging the children on and off a bus before work or school because they could not afford the luxury of a car. At Harmony House the day care center is contained within

the complex, and but a short walk from the family apartment which contains a kitchen as well as living and sleeping space. The simplicity provided by such convenience allows the residents time to recover from the trauma of homelessness and put their disrupted lives back together.

Counseling, educational upgrading, employment searching and other

support services are also contained within Harmony House to maximize benefits to the new residents in their search for a more wholesome, dignified life.

Babyland V has taken one weight off the hearts and minds of the mothers of the little ones in its care



Babyland V checks out new surroundings, while they prepare for a better future. It promises to be an important factor in the success of the entire Harmony House venture.

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Arthur Maurice Becomes First New Community Chief Executive Officer

New Community reached a new milestone in its history in February with the arrival of Arthur Maurice, former executive director of the state Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA), who became its first Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Founded in 1968, New Community has grown into one of the state's largest non-profit corporations. Today, NCC and its affiliated corporations employ over 700 people who work in all areas of real estate and health care. It provides safe, sound, attractive housing for 6,000 Newark residents and enjoys a fine reputation for day care provided for over 400 children at Babyland's five day care centers.

Originating from the people of the community, the corporation has sought to provide an enabling environment for raising the quality of life of the people of Newark, who are entitled to and capable of confirming their own dignity and determining their own destiny.

At the present time it is working to provide basic services for residents such as a new shopping center. New Community recently opened a transitional homeless facility with Hartz Mountain Industries in which NCC will provide support services leading families back to the workplace and

permanent housing.

Mr. Maurice told the staff at an introductory meeting that he holds to New Community's philosophy and "can't think of any social organization which has the record you have." The goals of the 60's are even more needed in the 90's he assured them, and to make that happen we must have continued growth, continued expansion. The new CEO challenged the group that "times are harder for resources now, and we as managers must insure the future of this organization." People make the difference.

"The opportunity to work with Monsignor Linder and the board of New Community was the opportunity of a lifetime," Mr. Maurice said positively. "To be part of this experience and be able to contribute to it doesn't happen often." The new chief executive explained that for a person involved in public service as he was, the natural progression would have been to the private sector, "but the chance of joining the New Community family was too good to pass up," he said enthusiastically. "To work and do good at the same time - I'm honored to have that opportunity."

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Books Give Wings



Children at St. Rose jump at opportunity to fill their minds with adventures from space travel, to nature walks, and to puzzles, thanks to the recent book fair held there.

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NCC Employment Center

Jobtalk

by John Bins

Getting Opportunities To Interview

To get a job, your first objective is interviews. No one is hired for a permanent job without one. Usually it takes many more than just one. The first question is "where do I get interviews?"

Channels for getting interviews range in sophistication from supermarket bulletin boards to civil service tests, but there are four channels that should be used by virtually every serious job hunter. We'll cover two of the most common this month.

Answering Ads

Answering classified ads in the local papers is the most commonly used approach but be sure you are using it wisely. You should include display ads as well as classified ads and should look at all the papers in your area that may fit your situation including business papers, ethnic papers, papers from surrounding cities and weeklies. Check the principles on every issue. You should not ignore other possible ads that might apply such as radio and cable notices, trade magazine ads, etc. And then in classified ads try to think of all the possible headings under which an employer might advertise.

You may be required to respond with a personal visit, but whenever possible telephone ahead to make an appointment. Have a third party make the call when possible, as that often helps. They may be able to say things about you that would be hard to say yourself. (Many counselors at New Community Employment Center provide this service.) Sometimes it is no alternative but to reply by mail.

Usually a resume sent to the employer should be accompanied by a letter. There is a great deal of competition for positions advertised (many employers receive 50 or 100 replies or more), so there is little reason to reply to ads for which you do not meet every requirement shown. But for those you do, you must put your best foot forward. That means composing a letter and getting it typed neatly and accurately for each ad you answer. Better to answer one and do it well than to answer five with just a resume. The letter should show your qualifications that match with the employer's requirements as shown by the ad — or common sense. So a form letter just won't do.

Visiting Employment Agencies
Employment agencies act as

brokers between the job seeker and the employer. Some employers always call agencies when they are filling positions so they cannot be ignored as job sources. It's important to know the source of the agency's funding and more to the point whether the job seeker pays a fee.

New Jersey State Employment Service is supported by taxes and does not charge fees. However, they have a variety of functions to perform, including qualifying applicants for unemployment benefits, and that limits the attention they can give to job placement. In contrast, the main purpose of New Community Employment Center is to help you find employment. It is supported by the United Way, private foundations, individual contributions and other sources and charges no fees. There are other non-profit, no-fee agencies as well.

Commercial agencies are supported by charging a substantial fee. Whether the job seekers or employers pay the fee or it is split between them depends on circumstances. If you have good work experience you should check them out. You'll get good attention if they think there's a chance of earning a fee by finding you a job. And don't be put off by the fact that the first thing you do is sign a fee agreement. You pay nothing unless you accept a job and then only if the employer does not pay it.

Some agencies are very specialized and may be devoted 100% to accountants or social workers or another specific field. In fact all New Jersey commercial agencies are limited by law to particular career areas in which they can demonstrate expertise. Phone before going to check on this and find out whether they prefer to make appointments.

Whether you are dealing with a commercial agency or a no-fee agency, after the interview don't just wait for them to call you. Employment counselors are busy fielding phone calls and calling employers. No matter how fancy their cross-filing system, the newest job seeker is the one getting most of the attention. So give them a call, send them a resume or visit every week or so. If you wait three weeks you're history.

Of course we haven't been talking about temporary agencies. They can be helpful if you prefer short-term work or if you need a job in. Their usefulness to you will depend on employment conditions.

Employers who advertise or use agencies are at least easy to identify. But are there other employers? How can I reach them? Next month we'll be talking about how to reach the hidden job market, as it's called.

**NEW COMMUNITY
EMPLOYMENT CENTER**
Employers with job orders...job seekers wanting appointments...call 733-4930.

Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact the Development Office at (201) 623-2800 ext. 206.

Shopping Center Update



Workers complete the concrete floor for the Pathmark supermarket. All underground piping is complete. Sheet rock and insulation work is underway.



Neighborhood Shopping center masonry work is completed. Pathmark refrigeration equipment has been installed. Skylight is scheduled for delivery.

The Face Behind The Voice

When Frances LaVallé joined the New Community Security department on June 5, 1989 she brought her experience as a security detective at Hahn's department store to the job but soon revealed additional abilities. Part of her security assignment involved the handling of the switchboard, which she did very well, so when a need arose for a receptionist at the New Community office at St. Joseph Plaza, Frances was recommended and took the assignment temporarily.

There's an old saying about "a bird in the hand being worth two in the bush," and it took but a few days of listening to Frances' tactful managing of callers to realize we couldn't let her get away.

For many people, the voice of Frances LaVallé is the first impression they have of New Community so her cheery "good mornings" start things off on a pleasant note. She capably relays messages to a myriad of departments in a most helpful manner.

Staff and visitors appreciate her easy smile which brings a little sunshine into their day.

Frances came from Georgia to Newark and finally settled in here about 17 years ago, but she still has a mother and grown son back home.



Frances LaVallé

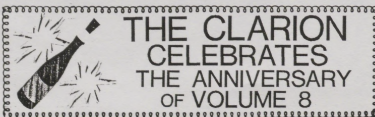
She enjoys the quiet pleasures of life such as listening to music and reading, but her absolute love is working crossword puzzles and delving into the origins of words in the encyclopedia.

We're glad her talents of graciousness, diplomacy, understanding, patience and an optimistic happy personality were discovered, for New Community has benefited greatly.

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New CEO For New Community...

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to the HMFA in May 1989 he served as Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs with Anthony "Doc" Villane and was also Director of Policy and Planning for the General Assembly Majority Office. Mr. Maurice has also worked as a researcher at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

The new CEO earned his bachelor's degree at Salem State College in Salem, Massachusetts and a master's degree summa cum laude in Public Administration from Arizona State University.

Mr. Maurice lives in West Windsor with his wife, Kathleen Bird Maurice who is Deputy Editor of the New Jersey Law Journal. They have two children, Matthew, 2, and Brendan, 2 months.



Monsignor William Linder, Founder, reviews New Community's multifaceted operation with new C.E.O. Arthur Maurice.

Harmony House Youth Speak Out

The Harmony House youth program consists of a variety of activities designed to meet the needs and interests of its youth. The following excerpts are from essays written by Harmony House youth describing some of their reactions to the components of the program:

"The homework assistance program gives me a chance to complete my homework and to get help when I need it from the youth workers," says W.J.

"There are lots of clubs in the youth program. I especially like the exercise club because we get the opportunity to attend The New Beginnings Spa to work out," revealed Y.B.

"In a part of the Harmony House Newsletter, Our Committee is responsible for keeping the families and community informed on what's

new and exciting in our house. I like writing and have written several plays and articles that I hope will soon be published," K.B. informed us.

"I like the culture club because it gives me a chance to learn and talk about who African-American people are. In December, we celebrated Kwanzaa and in February we celebrated Black History Month with a special program." E.S. contributed.

The youth of Harmony House also take part in other activities such as weekly rap groups, drill team, drama club, young artists, young historians, and the mentorship program. Recreation is provided by the Boy's and Girl's Club on Littleton Avenue.

Little by little, we are getting to know one another better and to enjoy a better life.

Harmony House Rap Is Black History

For our Black History Month Program we asked the children of our Rap Groups (6-8 yrs.) who their favorite Black American was and why they thought the person was important. Here are some of their responses.

U.F.: "I like Dr. Martin Luther King because he wanted to help black people to do better."

S.W.: "Dr. Martin Luther King also wanted everyone to be friends. A person's color or religion should not get in the way of loving someone."

C.H.: "My favorite Black American is Harriet Tubman because she saved over 300 people from slavery."

J.C.: "I like Mary McLeod Bethune because she cared about starting a

From Our House To Yours: New Beginnings

As young people who moved into Harmony House, we had a very exciting beginning to our new lives highlighted by the warm reception given by the staff. We were especially excited by a surprise Christmas party which consisted of gifts, songs, food, and Santa Claus. We even met Mayor Sharpe James and sang songs around our Christmas tree. Harmony House has already made a difference in our lives.

St. Vincent Academy's National Honor Society also joined in the holiday fun by coming to Harmony House to celebrate "Little" Christmas and share their gifts with us. It was fun getting to know the students and learning about their chapter of the Honor Society.

The Christmas holidays and beginning days at Harmony House passed very quickly and were filled with lots of new faces, new friends, fun and new ways of doing things. Can't wait to see what happens next.

Harmony House Newsletter Staff school for Black people."

J.Y.: "I like Nelson Mandela, Harriet Tubman and Martin Luther King because they all fought to help Blacks better themselves."

The question asked of the children showed us how much they knew about Black History. We have had various events occurring at New Community Harmony House that entertained and educated our children.

We hope this was a very beneficial and encouraging month for everyone.

Sondra Britton
Vista Worker



The Sun Shines Through At Harmony House Babyland



Free playing time allows the children to interact with each other and make use of their new facilities.



Caregiver helps children walk on beam to learn balancing skills.



Babylanders shown playing games while others patiently wait for their turn.



Sister Regina and children gather in a circle for a sing along.

Permanent Apartment For Harmony House Family

Mr. Alrad Cushmere and his three children were one of the first families to move into New Community Harmony House on December 22, 1989.

During Mr. Cushmere's stay at Harmony House, he took full advantage of social services and recreational services for himself and his children. He was involved in The World of Work workshop given by New Community Employment Center, as well as employment services. His expressed intention was to excel and become independent again, by utilizing the supportive services offered at Harmony House. He succeeded.

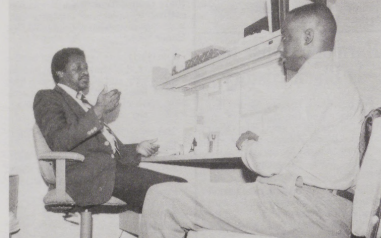
On January 19, 1990, Mr. Cushmere and his family moved out

of Harmony House to a permanent apartment.

Mr. Cushmere repeatedly states, that he has been truly blessed in terms of the assistance provided him by Harmony House staff during his stay. He also says that "Harmony House has opened the door to future advancement for homeless families."

Mr. Cushmere and his family are the first to leave Harmony House. He will continue to receive three months of follow-up social services from New Community Employment Center.

Mr. Cushmere wholeheartedly expresses his thanks for New Community Harmony House as he feels he would still be homeless without it.



Mr. Cushmere (left) shares his experiences of becoming independent again with his social worker Eric Graham (right).

Black History Month Broadens Understanding

We are very excited about the activities that we planned for Black History Month. Harmony House youth took part in a poster and essay contest as well as field trips to events such as NAARAA (which was Songs & Stories of The African Nation) and "Footprints" at Essex County College. Our special guest speaker this month was James DuBose, Director of New Community Security, who spoke to the youth and their parents about African-American contributions in the armed forces.

The month came to a close with a Black History Program performed by the Harmony House youth on February 26, 1990. This program consisted of skits, readings, recitations of speeches and poetry, songs and dancing. The day was planned to reflect our way of living out the seven values and principles of African-American people and fill our hearts with Umogo (Unity).



Jim DuBose, Director of New Community Security, speaks to youth and parents about African-Americans in the armed forces.



These three boys performed a dance in honor of Black History Month.

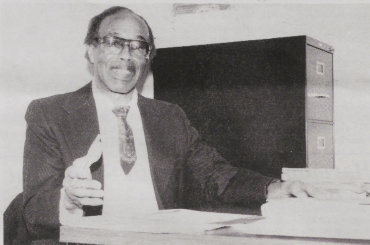
High School General Equivalency Instructor For Transitional Homeless Facility

Mr. Leon Reese, a retired teacher, comes to New Community Harmony House from the Newark Board of Education with nine years of teaching experience. He holds a B.A. in Education and a minor in Psychology.

Mr. Reese provides G.E.D. instruction to Harmony House residents Tuesday thru Friday from 10:00 am

to 12:00 pm. He told us, "I am emotionally proud to be a part of the dedicated staff at Harmony House. I welcome the chance to give something back to the community and work with the many residents who look forward to reaching their educational goals."

We are happy he is here to help.



Retirement has not stopped Mr. Leon Reese from helping others gain a better future.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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A Merry Fundraiser Coming Up

An event such as a Chinese Auction, complete with dinner, dancing and prizes, consumes the time each Spring of a great number of people — people who have many demands on their time. Yet each year they are faithfully with us.

Why?

Perhaps it is because many of them have experienced for themselves the advantages of a solid education provided by St. Rose of Lima School. Or some may have children whose futures depend on the quality of education provided by this alternative school in Newark which has been making a difference in people's lives since 1891.

The Chinese Auction each Spring is

cellence by dedicated teachers. A volunteer education is offered.

Academics are of prime importance but the fact that we do not live our lives in isolation is also given attention. An outreach program into the community gives the older students an opportunity to work as volunteers at the NC Extended Care Facility, become Babysland helpers, Senior Citizen Aides and Mission helpers. Field trips which are purposeful, well coordinated and enriching are highlights for the students.

An after-school program for grades K-8 acknowledges the needs of parents to know their children are safe while parents are working, and extends from 2:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It



Just a sampling of last year's prizes to whet your appetite.

the main source of funding for the school.

St. Rose of Lima is a parish school which creates an atmosphere in which Christianity is a way of life, and encourages each child to develop his/her spiritual, intellectual, social and physical potential. It is an atmosphere where mutual respect and a high regard for human rights prevail.

St. Rose is dedicated to fostering freedom and justice in its curriculum as well as its interpersonal dynamics, with attention given to the unique potential of the individual.

Dedicated Faculty

The faculty of St. Rose have excellent degrees in education. There is on-going staff development at the school and a commitment to ex-

offers recreation, arts and crafts and tutoring with homework, along with a refreshing afternoon snack.

In order to keep tuition for the school at a reasonable level, events such as the CHINESE AUCTION/SPRING FESTIVAL are a must.

In truth, the night is a misnomer, for the atmosphere is one of festivity and the auction a simple choice of which of the \$20,000 in prizes you would like to use your tickets on.

We invite you all to join in the merriment for such a good cause.

It is **Saturday, May 5, 1990** at Roselle Catholic High School. Donation is \$20.00. For tickets call 482-0682.

Bring your families and friends. Reserve your tables now for the merriest night ever!

Relationships Grow Stronger

During November of 1989 the 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls participated in a Mother-Daughter Retreat. This day of sharing was so well received that many of the parents asked, "What if anything would be done for the boys?" Several weeks later plans for a Mother/Son Retreat for the 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys were in motion.

It was felt that with this age group, many of the relationships between mother and son deteriorate and require strengthening more so than that of father and son, therefore a mother/son retreat was favored.

On Thursday, February 22, 1990 a group of 17 boys and their mothers boarded the bus for the Shrine of St. Joseph in Sterling, New Jersey. With great anticipation their day began. Those passengers had no idea as to what they would encounter on this trip. The theme of the day was "Building Love, Trust and Understanding."

Mrs. Joyce Carter of Quest C.Y.O. was moderator for the retreat. She guided both parents and sons through a day they will not soon forget. It was warm, helpful, and fun, remarked a

parent after participation with her son in a trust walk, one of the many activities of the day.

It was a wonderful sight, watching these parents and students coming together, sharing and learning more about one another.

Hopefully, the sharing will continue for there is a genuine need for this sharing to spread to the other members of the family and ultimately to the greater Community family.

Audrey Malone, D.M.D.

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St. Rose Learns About Black History

On February 27th and 28th, St. Rose of Lima School hosted its Black History Program. Part I on Tuesday, February 27th was a play about interracial relationships performed by The Citadel of Hope Academy of Newark, under the direction of Mr. Clayton Caldwell.

For Part II on Wednesday the 28th the fourth grade class of St. Rose of Lima School presented "Spotlight on Great Blacks." Guests for this pro-

gram were Mrs. Helena Muhammad, Mrs. Barbara Paddytoot, Mrs. Catherine Tassy and Mr. Ken Best. Mr. Elbert Woodson, the fourth grade teacher presented a Biography of Carter G. Woodson, the founder of Black History Week, who is a relative of his.

To highlight this program, the fourth grade Jubilee presented three Black Spirituals under the direction of Mrs. Emily Ross. Accompaniment was by Mrs. Martha Marshall.



Students from The Citadel act out a play on interracial relationships for the students of St. Rose.

St. Rose Jr. Choir On The Move

Sunday, February 10th there was a special mass held at St. Anastasia's R.C. Church in Teaneck, N.J. The mass was a celebration in honor of Black History Month. Bishop Francis led the congregation, which was a diverse mixture of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, in services.

The service was opened with three young members of the parish doing a splendidly choreographed liturgical dance which had African rhythm, in delivering a universal message of Peace and Brotherhood.

During the homily Bishop Francis mentioned the many black men and women who were ordained and practiced the Catholic faith even though there was great prejudice toward them, and how great their struggles were to be recognized and to obtain followers. These were people of color but they were speaking of the same God other Catholics were speaking about.

The Communion song at the mass was performed by a group of 13 young people, whom Bishop Francis personally invited. They represented on ly one half of the Saint Rose of Lima Junior Choir, with their directress Mrs. Emily Ross and pianist Mr. Curtis Watkins. This was a great experience for the choir to be a part of this historic religious celebration.

This is the first of many appearances planned for St. Rose's choir to give them exposure and an opportunity to experience how other communities worship and sing praises.

The junior choir consists of approximately 38 young people who attend St. Rose of Lima School in grades K to 8, and their voices are truly a beautiful blend of joyous harmony.

They are on the go and ready to sing to the world.

Youth on the move.

Joyce Cook

Understanding Is The Key

The children who come to the school of St. Rose of Lima in Newark are intelligent, inquisitive, exuberant and fun loving. They are filled with curiosity and enthusiasm about life as it unfolds before them.

Like all children, (adults too) they have their ups and downs, their good days and their bad days. They act out their problems and concerns through their behavior. Changes in behavior can be difficult for them and for others around them. At such times we adults must make a determined effort to understand them. Through understanding their point of view the appropriate response can be made to help in their positive growth and development.

People important in the life of a child, parents, relatives, guardians, teachers, can help that child to understand that he can overcome problems. Ignorance is overcome through education. Sadness is overcome by caring. A feeling of loss or separation is overcome by attention. Uneven temper is overcome by control of it. Loneliness is overcome by activity

and involvement in life.

These significant people can help a child to know that he can succeed, and he can reach the goals he sets for his life. This is to aspire. The dictionary gives the meaning of this word as "to have ambition for something; desire earnestly; to rise high; to soar."

Let us give our children the knowledge that they can aspire, and achieve their aspirations. They can have a life filled with accomplishment and success if they know that a caring person stands by their side. Let us strive to be that caring person in the life of a child, helping them to rise high and soar.

Catherine C. Tassy

Social Worker

St. Rose of Lima School

Correction

In last week's Clarion we stated in error that Archie Williams was our first retiree. There have been others previously.

Reflections:

Good Things Are Happening

You know, when you have taken care of the elderly here at New Community Extended Care since its inception, you get the feeling you are an expert. However not a day passes by that one is not humbled by the fact that he is still learning. In present day society, nursing homes will be more and more because we are living longer and theoretically, the older one gets, the more problems multiply.

Here we are, a Medicaid paid institution and I must say the care is exemplary. Love and kindness and care do exist here. I am proud to be a part of their care. If you have doubts and are wondering about Nursing Home Care, get a relative to bring you here and take a look. I will be glad to show you around.

Another unit which receives little

Home Friend Of The Month

Grace Hurt was chosen "Home Friend of the Month" because of her untrusting devotion to her clients.

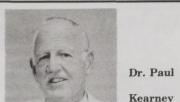
"Grace" has a genuine concern for her fellowman which is demonstrated in the service she provides.

As one client stated, "I don't have to worry about anything. Grace just comes in and takes over, but she does it with so much love." The same sentiment is echoed by her other clients.

Congratulations, Grace! Keep up the good work.



Grace Hurt



Dr. Paul
Kearney

publicity is our Adult Medical Day Care Center. Mary Black is the Administrator and she has accomplished much in care and services at New Community Extended Care. Not bad, picked up at home by bus and returned — activities and meals, etc. Come visit. I know you will like it. Keep in mind, both of these were built solely to take care of those in Newark who are in need of these services.

Paul Kearney, M.D.
Medical Director
NC Extended Care Facility

Home Health Care Employee Of The Month: Mabel Hines

If a household product could be used to describe our Employee of the Month, it would have to be SUPER GLUE! As the Coordinator of Home Health Aide Services, Mabel Hines is usually holding things together at Home Health as she constantly interacts between patients in their homes, the Home Health Aides and the nurses.

Some people from the agency have failed to recognize Mabel outside of the office because she didn't have a telephone growing out of her ear!

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Mabel Hines

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Keep Those Teeth Healthy

Dr. Audrey Malone, D.M.D., whose office is located in the NC Extended Care Facility, came to Babyland II



Dr. Malone has an opportunity to demonstrate proper brushing methods on Nabihah, a volunteer from the group.

and the Urban Pre-Kindergarten Program, to demonstrate the simple method of brushing teeth. Using a foot long plastic tooth brush and an equally over-sized set of teeth, the doctor showed the rotating form of brushing the upper outside teeth and the lower, inside near the tongue which many people neglect.

The two, three, four and five year olds were all anxious to share their new skills until the doctor asked for the many volunteers to step out in front of the group and demonstrate. After much encouragement Nabihah, a child from Babyland II discovered with her individual brush the proper usage of the tool for brushing her teeth. Each child was given a brush to take home, hoping that good healthy habits will make the difference for a bright and pleasant smile in the future.

Sr. Helen, ASC
Babyland II

Grateful Member Gives A Party

Ms. Barbara Smith has been working out at the New Beginnings Spa for the past year. She is probably one of the most faithful members there, coming almost every day. Recently, to show her appreciation to the Spa staff

for their help, particularly Manager, Ed Scott and instructor, Ursula Berry, she gave them a party. Ms. Smith, who is blind, said she is looking forward to renewing her membership.



Ursula Berry, instructor, and Ed Scott, manager, appreciate their faithful member Barbara Smith.

Members Are VIP's

The meaning of love is not only expressed by Cupid on Valentine's Day, but also by the staff of New Beginnings Spa — Manager Edward Scott, Tammy Dailey, Damon Terry, Clarence McMillian and Ursula Berry. We believe love begins from within at the start from heart to heart.

To show our gratitude and appreciation Mgr. Scott designed a 1 year special that allowed several new members to join, as well as those wanting to sign up again.

The members also participated in bringing in food and beverage for a Valentine's party, and Mr. Hubert Reeder a member of New Beginnings Spa gave a Shaklee demonstration on vitamins and health products.

With team work from the staff of New Beginnings Spa, Bryant Hall and John Robinson from maintenance and Abraham Amore from the Sandwich Shop, we were able to make progress and please the members.

Once again love is from up above within the heart from the start.

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Laughing With God

Two very special little girls who attended Babyland IV for several months recently died. Their unique personalities and their enthusiasm for life truly touched the lives of all who met them. Their bright smiles and contagious laughter will surely be missed.

Although the staff and the other children are saddened by the death of Shadaye and Satirrah we have the love and support of one another. Oc-

an opportunity for the parents and the staff to gather together for a healing service. These services afford everyone the opportunity to express their need for healing and to offer support to those in need.

A special memorial service for parents, friends and staff was planned in order to mutually express our pain, our sorrow, and our hope in new life. This memorial service reminded all of us that we are not alone and



Sister Suzanne Janis conducts a healing service for parents, friends, and staff of Babyland IV.

asionally the staff gathers to offer support to one another. Death is a very difficult concept to explain especially to children. Short stories about animals and plants that have died were read to the children. It is clear that the children in the center miss their friends and in their own way express their sorrow. The children also remind us to live each day to the fullest trusting that God will care for each of us.

The parents of our children also display a great deal of faith in God, although they are pained by the death of those they love dearly. Each week Sister Suzanne Janis provides

that we must continue to live on with the beautiful memories of our special little friends.

In a few brief words Sister Regina Holtz captured the personalities of Satirrah and Shadaye.

Shadaye
The pumpkin face
Playing peek-a-boo
Now laughs with God.

Little girl in pink
No longer lags behind
Satirrah runs home.

We are comforted knowing these children are now laughing with God.

Child Development Training For Caregivers Leads To Associate Degree At Babyland

A new training program has begun for twenty-one caregivers who work in Babyland I, II, III, IV and V. CDA, child development associate degree is an 18 credit college program that will take approximately one year to complete. By 1991 the state will require all caregivers to be accredited with this certificate.

Presently classes are being held at Babyland III on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:15 - 8:40. Essex County College has provided the professors for these programs. The course on Monday evening is "Child Psychology" and the course on

Wednesday is "Early Childhood."

The women enrolled in these courses show a great deal of enthusiasm towards furthering their education and enhancing the quality of their work with the children. All of the caregivers bring to these classes a wealth of experience and expertise as well as an openness to learn new ideas.

We congratulate them in their efforts and offer them support in their new adventure. A special word of gratitude goes to Head Start who has provided the funding for this program.



Babyland caregivers shown during a class on Child Psychology.

K-Mart Kindness

"Little things mean a lot," as the saying goes, especially with people served by New Community where there is such an abundance of need. So when a battered woman in our shelter is handed some super shampoo or fragrant lotion of her very own or perhaps a wonderful bar of perfumed soap (not the regular issue) it tells her she is cared for by someone.

Or when an elderly man at the Extended Care Facility finds a lion carved in soap on his bedside table, it brings a smile to his face and a special light to his heart at a difficult time in his life.

The special treats are from K-Mart

employees in Secaucus who gather the grooming aids in their travels and save them up to be given to the Family Violence Shelter, and sometimes to the elderly at Extended Care. The little hotel size containers are perfect, and some send fancy toiletries which none of our people could afford to buy.

There is always a smile on the face of Annie, the house mother, when they are brought to the door of the shelter.

Thank you Kathy Foley, for being the liaison for such generous co-workers; your thoughtfulness brings a special lift to the hearts of people whose lives need it so much.

Hidden Treasures

We want to take this opportunity to mention one of Babyland's many "hidden treasures" - the talent of Babyland's maintenance engineer, Leonard Wise.

"LENNY" was nice enough to offer his artistic talents to us here at Babyland I. He painted the most beautiful mural of Walt Disney's "WINNIE-THE-POOH" on the wall of our Kings and Queens classroom. Lenny has agreed to put his talents

to work again for us and create characters for all of our classrooms but at Babyland I!

Within our Babyland Family, as with all families, there are truly many treasures that have yet to be discovered. We at Babyland I are glad that we found Leonard Wise.

Thanks Lenny!
Dionne Ledford
Babyland I



Leonard Wise proudly directs your attention to his fabulous mural.

A Loving Goodbye

On February 2nd, Babyland III said thank you and farewell to an outstanding lady. Annie Thompson gave four years of beautiful loving and caring service to all the children. Now family duties call her back.

Each morning her extended arms greeted the children as parents dropped off the youngsters at the nursery. She calmed unsettled hearts and dried little tears. Her welcome, her love, her caring, her embrace and her wisdom will surely be missed by all - parents, co-workers and of

course the children.

At a luncheon in her honor, Annie was saluted for her generosity, her goodness to all and her witness to the gospel in her life. Mrs. Thompson was an extraordinary gift to all. She gave life and meaning to the title "caregiver" over these past years. We are grateful to the Lord for leading her to Babyland and for the years we knew her. We have been blessed.

Sr. Ellen Byrnes



Two children give their favorite caregiver Annie Thompson a big kiss good-bye.

Black History Month Draws Visitors To NCC Medical Day Care

This month was a very educational one as well as an enjoyable, eventful experience for the clients at Medical Day Care. We celebrated Black History Month, and were fortunate to begin the month by accepting a gift of a beautiful portrait of six outstanding black leaders by artist Bruce B. Williams, which will grace our community area here at the Extended Care Facility.

Many schools took part in our celebration of Black History also by singing and uplifting the spirits of clients as well as staff. Those who contributed were Harriett Tubman Elementary School, Martin Luther

King School and Camden Middle School with Curtis Watkins at the piano. Visits from our local schools paying tribute to our black leaders made February an everlasting experience.

To make our Valentine's Day brunch a success our clients were entertained by Broadway Middle School.

We thank everyone who helped with their contributions and hope to see you next year.

Hilda Matos
Medical Day Care,
Activity Coordinator



Martin Luther King School sings their hearts out.



Harriett Tubman Elementary School uplifts the spirits of all.

Extended Care Facility Holds Valentine Party

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, residents of New Community Extended Care were treated to a party, during which they were entertained by the music of Warren Alston, Ron Burgess, Sandy Berry, and Henry Barton of Philadelphia. The event was enjoyed by all and the residents were provided with Valentine cards made by local school children.

We would like to thank all who participated in making the party a great success.



Together Medical Day Care Clients and Extended Care Residents enjoy the Dixieland music.

The Dixie Peppers Band Entertains Elderly

Residents of New Community Extended Care and participants of the Medical Day Care Program enjoyed an hour of Dixieland music performed by The Dixie Peppers. The band, headed by Louis Grassi, entertained with the spirit of the Valentine Holiday.

All involved were enthusiastic and it was a time of reminiscing with music from generations ago. To the band, we offer our sincerest thanks and continued success.



Above is a mural drawn by artist Bruce B. Williams.



Camden Middle School pays a tribute to our black leaders.

Lifestory Players At NC Manor

Valentine's Day was pretty special at NC Manor because an extraordinary group of people came to the building to lighten everyone's heart.

A settled group of about a dozen mixed gray haired men and women walked into the Community Room and exploded into song and dance. They were the "Lifestory Players" of Montclair State College. The performers were grandparents and great-grandparents who find joy in performing at various sites across the state of New Jersey.

It is motivating to see how much energy each performer possessed. By

the end of the hour show the audience was quite caught up in the enthusiasm and marveled at what they had just seen.

To make this event even more special, Channel 50, the New Jersey Network came to tape the performance and the audience, for their program "State of the Arts," New Jersey Network's weekly arts magazine show.

Here's proof that the best of times can start after 55!

If you believe, you can be whatever you want to be.

Joyce Cook



The Autumn Stages "Lifestory Players" enthusiastically introduce themselves.



One of the Lifestory Players really gets the residents moving.

Security Corner

Officer Of The Month

Security Officer Jonathan Ruffin has been selected as Officer of the Month for February, 1990.

Officer Ruffin was selected because of his excellent attendance and his loyalty and unselfish dedication to duty. He is presently assigned to duty on the third shift, from 4:00 p.m. to midnight. Wherever he has been assigned, he has done a yeoman's job. He works very well with his fellow Officers, a fact that can be attributed to the experience he gained as a member of the East Orange High School varsity football team, where

Geoffrey Barron Promoted To Sergeant

Security Officer Geoffrey Barron was promoted to Sergeant in February. Since joining the NCC Security Department he has used his talents well and exhibited dedicated leadership qualities.

Officer Barron, a graduate of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in African History. After his graduation he was a pharmaceutical sales representative for twelve years.



Officer Jonathan Ruffin proudly accepts his award from Assistant Director Errol Adams.

as a defensive end and he was elected to the Newark, Star-Ledger's All State -Section II- Group 4 First team in his junior year, during the 1987 season. The Assistant Director of Security, Errol Adams, said of the 1988 East Orange graduate, "he is by far one of our most reliable and dependable Officers."

Officer Ruffin states that he has several goals, one of which is to continue his education and another to become a Sergeant in the NCC Security Department.

The NCC Security Department congratulates Officer Ruffin on his selection. He was presented with a plaque from the New Community Corporation and the Katzens Uniform Company of Newark on his achievement.

The constant traveling prohibited his endeavors to further his education. He stated his position and hours as a member of NCC Security, will now enable him to pursue a Masters Degree in education. In the interim he has applied for a position as a substitute teacher in the Newark School System.

As Acting Sergeant for the past month, he has performed remarkably well. He has stated that he enjoys being a member of the Security Department, and the camaraderie he has found among the Security Officers. He added, it is like an extended family. As a supervisor, Sergeant Barron, is a welcomed addition, and should do very well in his new position.

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Black History Notes

Researched By James E. DuBoise

Seizure Of Black Woman As Slave Is Cause Of Second Of Two Seminole Wars

In 1835 when the black wife of Ascoela, a Seminole chief of Indian-African descent was seized as a slave, Ascoela in revenge, ambushed, killed and scalped U.S. General Thompson, and three other white men. Thus began the Second Seminole War. Ascoela, visited Fort King in company with his wife and a few friends for the purpose of trading. Mr. Thompson, the agent, was present and while engaged in business the wife of Ascoela was seized as a slave. Evidently having black blood in her veins the law pronounced her a slave and as no other person could show title to her the pirate who had got possession of her body was supposed, of course, be her owner. Ascoela became frantic with rage. From that moment when this outrage was committed the Florida War may be regarded as commenced.

The black presence among the Seminole is believed to be a principal reason for the U.S. government waging the second war against them.

Slaves throughout the colonial period, but particularly during the American Revolution and the War of 1812 had taken advantage of the disruptions to escape. Many sought and obtained a haven with the Seminole Indians in Florida. They intermarried, and established themselves as farmers, cowboys and tribal war leaders. The presence of blacks among the Seminoles were a magnet to plantation slaves. Blacks constituted from one quarter to one third of Seminole Warrior strength.

After seven years of war, 2,000 U.S. soldier deaths, and \$40-60 million in government expenditures, the Seminoles and a few blacks were allowed to emigrate to Indian Territory. Some blacks escaped to Mexico, others were returned to former white owners.

The prolonged and costly nature of the war proved to the soldiers who fought them that contrary to popular opinion, blacks could fight, had initiative, and possessed leadership qualities.

How Can We Know The Way?

Today we are faced with the preeminent fact that if civilization is to survive we must develop and cultivate good and better human relationships — the ability of all people of all ethnic groups to live together and work together in the same community at peace, a state of tranquility and security free from disgusting oppressive thoughts and emotions, with harmony in personal relations. Down through the annals of history, through philosophy, creeds, and ordinances man had sought the way to enduring peace between nations; within a nation; between ethnic groups; among members of a community, family, and co-workers, but the way to lasting peace was not found or implemented. Instead, deterrents to peace abounded: wrong prevailed over right; hurt was imperious to help; lies were more resorted to than truth; despair replaced hope; violence eroded compassion; prejudice festered ethnic harmony; and sin seemed to triumph over righteousness.

Man was lost in a maze of his own making and he did not know the way out of the maze. He had no moral compass, no spiritual chart, no ethical port to which he was sailing. He was like a rudderless ship on the ocean of time. He had flirted with one "ism" after another and sank further and further into a morass of moral paralysis. He had languished behind military armament which escalated

while moral armament receded. He had built "towers of Babels" providing employment for the selective which cast shadows on the ignored homeless masses huddled about them. He had attuned his aural concerns to the cacophony of material acquisition and closed his ears to the cries of the unfortunate. He had hardened his heart.

There is a tremendous residue of ignorance and hate in the cocoon of human relations obscuring the way to peace. 1 John 4:20-21 admonishes, "if a man say, I love God and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" He who loveth God loves his brother also. "The way to eternal life and peace, for many, had been elusive for they sought it in the wrong places and in the wrong way."

Now, it was nearing the hour for the Crucifixion and Jesus said to His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them, and Thomas, a disciple, asked Jesus, "how can we know the way?" Today, those in our community, outside of the love of Christ and seeking a way out of the futility, complexities, and confusion of their meaningless lives, are asking that same question, "how can we know the way?" To love God, we would believe, Jesus replies, "peace I give unto you...follow Me...I am the Way."

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by the Staff of NCC Social Services Department

Tarra Leslie Wins RIF Contest

"In Celebration of Reading 1990" is now history at New Community. And the winner is... Before I get to that let me tell you a little about it. From January 28th to February 10th, book after book has been read by our youth. During the months of January and February the same has happened at St. Rose of Lima and Harmony House afterschool programs. Depending on the age group each youngster was asked to read for a certain amount of time during a two week period.

Here at Bruce Street, the youngsters were reminded to read each day. This way they could fulfill their quotas.

The festivities that made this a good celebration were many. They included a book distribution and for this a "Book Hunt" was designed. Many winners show forth from this event. The youngsters were asked to find books with certain titles, for example they were asked to find a book that had the title in it of something that you could eat. That book was called **Peanut Butter and Jelly**. This was just one of the many ways that "Book Hunt" can be played.

Now, here is what you have all been waiting for... The winner of "In Celebration of Reading 1990" is Tarra Leslie. Although Tarra had on-



Tarra Leslie and Tutor.

ly to read a minimum of 4 hours to qualify for this, she read for a total of 14 1/2 hours. All names were placed in a box and Tarra's was the lucky one drawn. Her name will now be submitted to the National RIF headquarters in Washington, D.C. where she will have the chance to once again have her name drawn and possibly be the national winner. Congratulations and good luck at the nationals!

The Visible Reminder Of Invisible Light

The first ever "You Light Up Our Lives" Award goes to Debbie Rohman.

Debbie is the sweet voice you hear on the phone when you call N.C. Social Services. It is difficult to describe her role in the Department because it goes so far beyond her designation of receptionist - secretary. The image of a juggler walking a tightrope may help you get an idea of what Debbie's work day is like. Her calm and quiet manner never reveals what is going on behind the scenes. Recently, Debbie and her husband Jim of NC Systems Department worked on the committee for the Network's First Annual Married Couple's Retreat. When committee members discussed who would present what during the retreat Debbie's memorable comment was, "I don't have to say anything... did all the typing!" Nice try, Debbie. Her typing skills, surpassed only by her deciphering skills, did not get her off the hook that time. (It was a tough committee!)

What can you do besides writing your hands or change your mind when the Valentines' Retreat Program color scheme is red and white, and your machine is out of red toner, and the

programs have to be ready before the next scheduled shipment of toner? If you have Debbie's ingenuity, you will shake the nearly empty toner container before every run, giving the copy machine the impression that it's



Debbie Rohman

running on a full tank of toner. It worked! The retreat was totally coordinated, and word of Debbie's ingenuity spread far and wide.

Sweet, gentle, competent, funny, unflappable, ingenious, PATIENT - is quite a string of adjectives! Even so, it falls short of describing Debbie Rohman who really lights up our lives. We are happy that she is among us.



As the month of February appeared on our doorsteps, the world of cooking opened its door. The group of future chefs consists of Tarra Leslie, Tracey Burgess, Alicia Latham, Robia Taylor and Tyree Taylor.

Each class begins with a lesson in nutrition. In doing so, encouragement is given to eat the things that are good and healthy. The first dish, broccoli and cheese was a huge success.

Each Tuesday, the group looks forward to preparing another dish. At the conclusion of these classes a whole meal will be prepared.

Senior Activity Calendar

Legal Services - Topic "Wills and Senior Abuse"

March 13 - 3 p.m. - NC Manor

March 14 - 11 a.m. - NC Roseville

March 16 - 2 p.m. - NC Gardens

Dental School Screening for Free Dental Work

March 21 - 3 p.m. - NC Manor

March 30 - 2 p.m. - NC Associates

ALL buildings invited to participate

Learn Not to Burn - with Georgia Ransome

March 9 - 11 a.m. - NC Gardens

March 21 - 3 p.m. - NC Manor

March 22 - 3 p.m. - NC Roseville

March 23 - 2 p.m. - NC Associates

March 18 - 3:00 p.m. Fashion Show by St. Rose

March 30 - 6:30 p.m. International Night at St. Rose \$10.00 per person

March 31 - Pancake Breakfast at St. Rose

Afterschoolers Look At Black History

February is a month filled with many different events. One afternoon, several youngsters from NC's afterschool program gathered together to talk about Black History month. They focused on two questions - "Why is Black History Month celebrated?" and "Is this important to you?"

Tarra Leslie says that it's important that we celebrate to show that we appreciate what black leaders have done for us, such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Booker T. Washington who fought for freedom.

These are just a few people named during this time.

The black people have always had to fight for their freedom said Kaima. Others have shared that this month gives them the chance to specially celebrate the achievements, challenges and causes for which many blacks have lived and died.

Black History Month is a teaching tool. As was stated by one of the youngsters - "Freedom is important and so is the experience from our past which had left many segregated."



Books give many opportunities to learn about Black History.

Student Of The Month

March student of the month is Marcus Captain. Marcus attends Newton Street School where he is in the third grade.

While at the afterschool program he sits with Mrs. Martin, a Vista Volunteer. Mrs. Martin has had only

good things to say about Marcus. Not only does he do his homework, he is very interested in learning. Marcus' favorite subject in school is Math.

Outside of school he likes to play and watch baseball. Mostly play though. Congratulations Marcus!

Happy Tenth Birthday New Community Douglas!

Jazz Ensemble At NC Douglas



Lee Reese and resident get into the swing of things.

The Dixie Peppers Jazz Ensemble came to NC Douglas shortly after Valentine's Day to provide an afternoon of singing and dancing. We could pretend we were in New Orleans listening to some of our favorite tunes.

The community room was decorated with hearts - Valentines from everyone. The refreshments were delicious. We are grateful to New Community's Department of Recreational and Cultural Affairs for treating us to a delightful afternoon and we hope that the Post Valentine Dance will be the first of many celebrations in honor of NC Douglas' Tenth Anniversary which we celebrate this month.



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Calvin Seniors

A Celebrity In Our Midst

Herbert Middleton and Jackie Adams were Clarion news items two years ago when the former teenage sweethearts married and celebrated their joy at NC Associates where Jackie lived. Both Jackie and Herbert were widowed prior to their marriage to each other and Herbert also had a previous marriage which ended in divorce.

Today, they look fondly at a newspaper picture of Taurean

For seven or eight years he portrayed Detective Washington on Hill Street Blues. "But his family name," remarks Mr. Middleton, "is Herbert Middleton, Jr."

Mr. Middleton unassumingly shares the story of his son's successful career since Arts High graduation, from training in the Negro Ensemble to a TV celebrity and now this new distinction. Taurean's twin sons visited with their grandfather two



Mr. Middleton and his wife Jackie proudly display a story about their son's visit to the White House.

Blacque, Mr. Middleton's son by his first marriage, and comment on the article about Taurean's recent reception at the White House after being named national spokesman for the Presidential Initiative on Adoption.

Taurean has adopted ten children over the past three years. Besides his own two grown sons, Taurean's children range from five weeks to twelve years old.

Most likely, Taurean is more widely known for his role as father of two sons and owner of an ice cream store on the afternoon soap, *Generations*.

years ago when they came from California for a visit. The family has grown so quickly that there are eight others that Mr. Middleton has to catch up on meeting.

Both Jackie and Herbert frequent the Nutrition Site at Associates and often can be seen carrying in trays of bread and pastries from the Dominican Monastery on 13th Avenue. This couple is well loved for themselves and news of their celebrity connections won't change things, but we thought our readers would like to know about the wonderful story of Taurean's adopted family.

Newark Recreation Provides Wonderful Valentine Music

It was a Valentine celebration and the Newark Department of Recreation/Cultural Affairs made it a memorable day by providing bandleader Calvin Hughes and his Sophisticated Gents to entertain. Drummer Jeff Pines, guitarist and singer Roy Street and pianist John Lightfoot got the group of residents from NC Commons Senior going. Marie Carson, Pearl McGhee and Rushie Carter took to the floor and moved to the beat while others worked their feet from their chairs, mindful of their physical conditions which prevented them from stomping

around.

When it came to prizes it was difficult to choose, but the audience unanimously applauded Marie Carson to victory with her swaying and swaying to the blues. Mable McGhee teamed up with band and sang her own version of "Always" in honor of Harriet and Tommy Lewis who were married sixty-eight years!

From twenty to four o'clock the band provided "our kind of music" and responded to any request that was made.

There was a wonderful way to spend the afternoon.



Calvin Hughes and his Sophisticated Gents had the NC Commons Seniors on their feet.

Hearts Grew Closer

Valentine's Day came early this year to six couples from New Community, Babyland, and St. Rose of Lima Parish who gathered at the Dominican Sister's Motherhouse in Caldwell on Saturday, February 10th.

From the time they arrived, these enthusiastic people hit it off very well and got right into the spirit of the First Annual Retreat for Network Married Couples.

The setting was beautiful; the mood

"It was just what the doctor ordered! The location was perfect," said another. "There was ample time to share and spend quiet time with my husband, but not enough time to feel that the schedule was dragged out and boring."

Fr. Turro's talks were eloquent and provided much food for thought. His message will help all of us.

"One of the most touching moments for me was the renewal of marriage vows."



During the course of the weekend, the couples shown above, became like family to one another as they reflected on their married lives.

reflective; Fr. James Turro's two thought provoking talks were impressive, and each couple was serious about reflecting on the life they share.

"It was a very wonderful way to escape from the daily busy schedule," said one wife. "I learned how to appreciate everything I have, great and small. Also, it brought me closer to God. The renewal of wedding vows helped me realize that I love my husband more today than the day we got married."

"We are grateful for the total experience: the place, the couples, Fr. Turro, the sharing, the hospitality — the committee is to be commended," she concluded.

During the group discussion which preceded the closing liturgy, people spoke as if they had known each other for years. The liturgy itself was the high point of the whole day. Everyone left with a high and happy heart.

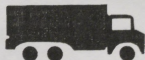
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Father Turro takes time out to join a retreat couple for a meal.

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St. Rose Students Prepare For High School

A few weeks ago some twenty-three eighth graders were filled with much anxiety as they waited to receive their acceptance letters from several high schools of the Archdiocese of Newark. These students had taken a high school entrance test in early November, a prerequisite for high school admission, and with their parents, selected three high schools of their choice in order of preference.

Selecting the right high school is an annual ritual eighth graders must perform, and their choices will affect their education for the next four years.

To the delight of nearly all of them, acceptance letters were received and brought great news and relief. Most first and second choice schools issued letters of acceptance and students and their parents were scheduled for registration.

Now Fall enrollment and the new status of "high school freshman" is in the air and on the minds of our students. But as they anticipate enrollment into high school this September, it would be most appropriate to remind students and their parents of the advice given them by Mrs. Wilhelmina Simpson, Guidance Counselor (retired) from Science High School in Newark at the parent-student workshop at St. Rose of Lima.

She told the group of seventh and eighth grade students and parents that "a high school experience should be a very successful one," and she introduced her role as "...an advocate for the student." Mrs. Simpson shared her experiences and her viewpoint on guidance which is beneficial to all prospective high school freshmen.

"The guidance counselor is a key individual to whom students turn for making an adjustment to high school go smoothly, because the counselor interprets the policy and rules of the school for the student," she told those attending.

"Because of this parents and students should be obligated to seek out and consult with the school counselors."

Following are some important points of her presentation:

- It is important to let parents know the services they are entitled to as their children move from the elementary school to the secondary school.

The guidance service is generally available at all secondary schools - public and private. Guidance provides the main liaison, or relationship, between the school and the home. The guidance counselor needs to have the parent provide them with a map, or guide, to what they want for the student. This certainly refers to future educational goals, but it can also relate to personal areas of shyness, or confusion. The counselor is trained to provide additional information regarding child and adolescent development.

- Each person is an individual and has a right to develop their own God-given talents. Guidance tries to help young people, who appear especially motivated by peer pressure, to think for themselves, not to be blind followers.

- At this point in educational history many decisions for future education are affected by the results of testing such as in school tests, state mandated tests and pre-college, pre-armed services or pre-jobs tests. Parents should be aware that these tests are not mirrors of their children. Many people do poorly at tests, but are excellent in performance.

It is not enough to decry the tests as socially, if not racially biased. It is a battle to be fought and studied and often - before the final result is needed. You can not start too early. Test scores in the second and third grades should be watched to show improvement since seventh grade test scores are often used for acceptance or placement in secondary schools.

- The SAT, or Scholastic Aptitude test, for college admission is recommended from the 9th grade on. Its objective is to improve test taking skills. Parents are urged to remember that the children of affluent people are often receiving extra tutoring or attending SAT preparation courses. Your children need these same support systems.

- As parents of secondary students be aware of grading systems, report card cycles. Respond to all school correspondence. No response conveys the impression that nobody cares.

- Many students have difficulty changing from the retained classroom of elementary school, where they have one teacher most of the day and the same group of students, to the multi-discipline classes of secondary school with up to seven different teachers per day and different sets of students every class period.

Part of this adjustment is a matter of transition - growing up, and a freshman year is a time of preparation. The parent should be aware that it is happening. This a good time to share memories of your own past experiences in high school, remembering that students have to listen, follow directions, and do well every time for every teacher, since each class is separately evaluated. An "A" student in the eighth grade can be a "D" student in the ninth grade if they forget to listen, follow directions and do well each day.

It is also well to remember that education at every level is more than just classroom studies, tests and grades. Schools often provide opportunities to involve yourself in pursuing activities that you like - art, music dance, drama sports, charity - and general socialization and if you can, no matter which you prefer, religion offers a wonderful support system.

Mrs. Simpson was joined during the workshop by a panel of former St. Rose students who are now high school seniors and who represented five different schools which they attend. With Mrs. Simpson moderating, they answered questions concerning high school life and what the St. Rose students could expect to find.

St. Rose's principal, Arthur Wilson, was enthused about the workshop which he said was "one of the best we've ever had" and by the marvelous turnout of both students and their parents.

Catholic School Week At St. Rose Of Lima

The words from a song "We believe the Children are Our Future" were very much alive in our school during Catholic School Week. The administration set aside time to invite speakers to come in and address our youth on key questions concerning their future. Parents from many job descriptions were also invited in to elaborate on their field of expertise.

For example, Sister Juanita spoke to our seventh and eighth grade students on many aspects of life dealing with peer pressure and relationships. Mrs. Long from New Community asked our youth probing questions such as, "What do you want your life to be like ten years from now?" and "What three things would

you like to see change in the world; and how would you initiate that change?" Mrs. Tassey, a social worker here at St. Rose of Lima, gave a brief seminar on the power of positive thinking and informed our youth that even a bad experience can be turned around.

Mrs. Ross, our Vice-Principal, held a book fair to celebrate the week. The students could purchase books that were educational, informative, or just plain fun like a joke book, or puzzles.

St. Rose also invited in Public Health Counselors to educate our youth on a very vital subject, the AIDS virus.

It was a very informative week.



St. Rose Seniors line up to hand Mrs. Irizarry their acceptance letters to High School.

Books Give Wings

Saint Rose of Lima School held its second week-long Book Fair for the 1989-90 School Year. The Fair ran from January 31st to February 2nd. This was the first time that the Book Fair has been held twice in one school year. The second Book Fair was planned to coincide with Catholic Schools Week whose special emphasis this year was developing good reading skills. Judging from the number of books purchased, students and parents are realizing the importance of reading and the unlimited hours of fun and adventure that reading provides.

A few days before the fair, students were given a News Letter that listed the books that would be available. The News Letter listing and the breakdown according to age group and grade made it possible for parents to take an active role in the selection of books. The books available covered the spectrum. There were well-known classics, as well as books on animals,

sports, music and famous people just to name a few. There was something available to interest all children from K-8.

The theme of this year's fair was "Give Us Books, Give Us Wings." Judging from the success of this year's fair the students are in flight.



Let's see, math, marriage or mountain climbing.



Sister Juanita talks to the seventh and eighth grade girls about relationships.

Mark Your Calendar!

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